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ROMANIA AND UKRAINE.

The "Volgo Gazette" says it is expected that negotiations with Romania will commence on the 23rd instant, when Herr von Kuhlmann (Foreign Minister) will proceed to Petrograd.

The Ukrainian delegates have arrived in Berlin to arrange details for carrying out the treaty of peace.

Petrograd messages state that the Bolsheviks have arrested all the members of the Ukrainian Central Rada and the Ukrainian delegation at Brest-Litovsk, including the president, charging them with high treason.

The Bolsheviks refuse to recognise the peace which has been concluded by the Rada.

PLANNING FOR CONQUEST.

The Rotterdam correspondent of the "New York World" says he learns from a reliable source that Germany's future policy includes the occupation of the remainder of the Baltic provinces with the view of incorporating them in the German Empire, also the further dismemberment of Poland. Despite her denials Germany is planning for conquest and annexation and the greatest territorial expansion.

POSITION IN FINLAND.

A Stockholm wireless message announces that, according to reports in the Swedish Press, Germany is preparing to land Finnish battalions of the German army and other forces in Finland. These operations will be accompanied by a naval action in the Baltic, with landings also in the Gulf of Bothnia and the Gulf of Estonia.

AMERICAN COMMENT.

The "New York Times" says that Mr. Lloyd George's explanation of the improvement in the shipping situation and the confidence of the Minister and the country, the northward movement of the Ministry would be expanded with apprehension in America. Mr. Lloyd George has won our confidence because he is an intellectual force, has the power of organisation, and has a definite war policy.

UNITY.

The "Daily Chronicle" correspondent of Moscow says the Bolshevik regime is mild and the menace of starvation less imminent. It is a city of refuge for the intelligentsia. Many officers are seeking safety in the streets. Others are using trucks and sweeping crossings. The proletarians are finding more money, better food, more easily, and more employment is increasing, owing to want of raw materials. Men in soldiers' uniforms are making great profits selling food, expensive clothes, and the bourgeoisie's motto is "We will do as well as we can." The peasants are giving the goods. The intelligentsia are not seeking palliatives, but are convinced that the mass must live by bitter experience.

KUHLMANN.

An Amsterdam message states that George Kuhlmann, writing in the "Vossische Zeitung," says the inefficiency of German diplomacy shows that the war cannot end in a purely military way, owing to failure to profit by victories. He was responsible for amending the war with Russia, but did not profit by it.

LOANS ANNULLED.

An official decree has been issued in regard to annulment of loans issued in name of Austria, holding Government bonds under £100,000, which can change them to participation in the new loan of the Austro-Hungarian Federal Republic. The same applies to savings bonds, co-operative and other socialist institutions. All money not strictly earned by the State will be confiscated.

FEELING IN AMERICA.

The New York newspapers unanimously condemn Trotsky and Lenin for their betrayal of Russia. The "New York World" says: Perhaps this demonstration of force has been staged in order to exonerate Trotsky to explain that he was compelled to accede, but while the Allies are able to agree the agreement is a worthless scrap.

"The Tribune" says: Russia lies pitifully broken. She is a tragic object lesson of the dangers of negotiating with Germans. The "New York Herald" says: With her real outlet to the sea gone Russia's greatest passes.

GENERAL LUTSK.

Bolshevik messages state that General Kulin committed suicide after a Ossack reverse.

MAN-POWER PROPOSALS.

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## BRITISH POLITICS. THE MILITARY CHANGES. DEBATE IN COMMONS.

LONDON, Feb. 19.  
The House of Commons was convened this afternoon. The Prime Minister (Mr. Lloyd George) followed his mate closely. The House seemed generally to accept his statement that he had already achieved excellent results. He had done his utmost to induce Sir William Robertson to accept the Versailles scheme, and to give up his scheme between Arras and St. Quentin. While this is only a surmise, reported, perhaps by the doubtful statements of prisoners, there is something to be said for it. The Lancashire, Border, and Yorkshire troops had rallied positions along a wide front in the southern portion of Hauts-de-France, killing a large number and capturing 27 prisoners and a machine-gun. Our casualties were sharply critical, particularly that in connection with Lord Northcliffe's and other newspaper attacks on Lord Jellicoe and Sir William Robertson. There was a similar debate in the House of Lords.

Lord Curzon (Lord President of the Council) said that Sir Douglas Haig still had full control of his own troops. The only difference was that the Supreme War Council would have certain troops at its disposal which would be added to Sir Douglas Haig's or sent elsewhere, according to the needs of the moment.

Mr. Asquith paid a tribute to General Sir William Robertson's great example. He could not help wishing that Mr. Lloyd George's speech had been made a week ago, when the Prime Minister refused to define the functions of the Versailles Council. For asking for this information I was assailed as a pacifist— even Bold Pasha in disguise. Such was the fashion of some important widely circulated newspaper now conducted under the auspices of those who, since last week, had been the custodians of propaganda.

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ROMANIA AND UKRAINE.

The "Volgo Gazette" says it is expected that negotiations with Romania will commence on the 23rd instant, when Herr von Kuhlmann (Foreign Minister) will proceed to Petrograd.

The Ukrainian delegates

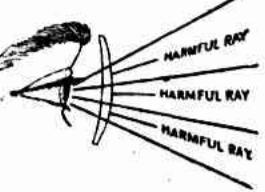




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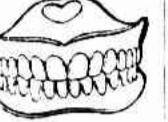
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